

House Resolution 218

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Cox of the 102nd, Cole of the 125th, Stephens of the 164th, Lane of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Director Bill Hitchens of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security, recipient
2 of the Peace Officer Association of Georgia's 2004 Arthur Hutchins Meritorious Service
3 Award and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, in May of 2004, Director Bill Hitchens was named Executive Commander of
6 the G-8 Public Safety Command, and he has carried out the duties and responsibilities of that
7 office with great success, resulting in Georgia's outstanding 2004 G-8 Summit; and

8 WHEREAS, with approximately 10,000 public safety and Georgia National Guard personnel
9 from within the state and a total of 77 law enforcement agencies from Georgia, South
10 Carolina, and Florida under his quiet and effective leadership, Director Hitchens was
11 instrumental in creating this proud moment for Georgia and the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, because of the professionalism and restraint displayed by the officers under his
13 command, protesters were able to express their views freely and without disruption or danger
14 to the deliberations of the world leaders who gathered for this summit; and

15 WHEREAS, with no fatalities, no serious injuries, and only 18 arrests, the 2004 G-8 Summit
16 was an unparalleled success which will serve for years to come as the model for similar
17 international events; and

18 WHEREAS, as a direct result of Director Hitchens's wise and able management, the State
19 of Georgia was able to showcase its great hospitality, class, and charm to an international
20 audience; and

21 WHEREAS, in honor of this great achievement and his exceptional career in law
22 enforcement, Director Hitchens has been selected as recipient of the Peace Officer
23 Association of Georgia's 2004 Arthur Hutchins Meritorious Service Award.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in commending Director Bill Hitchens of the Georgia Office
3 of Homeland Security upon receiving the Peace Officer Association of Georgia's 2004 Arthur
4 Hutchins Meritorious Service Award and extend their sincere appreciation for the great
5 success of the 2004 G-8 Summit held on Sea Island, Georgia, and for his many years of
6 dedicated service protecting the citizens of the state.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Director Bill Hitchens of the Georgia Office of
8 Homeland Security is invited to the House of Representatives for purposes of being
9 recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution at a date and
10 time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House.